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[*From January 1749 to June 1750.*]

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N°. 39

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Agreeable to your Commands under the 30th. Ultimo a proper person was Sent to the Ports adjacent to Enquire with the greatest secrecy what Pepper was to be contracted for and delivered in all February whom is now returned with the following Answer that Mamo Modelier will deliver Ten Candies of Pepper by the 25th. Instant at One hundred and twenty Rupees ℔ Candy in Callicut if ready money be immediately advanced him. Maqui will deliver by the 15th. Instant the Same quantity at One hundred and ten Rupees in Panany but will not bring it to Callicut. Modeen Cutty will deliver the Same quantity upon the very Same conditions so that the whole quantity procurable according to Babajees report is no more than thirty Candys.

Condoty Paquy has a Servant at Panany who has bought twenty five Candys of Pepper more Since you were last advised for which he gave one hundred and Sixteen Pondicherry Rupees ℔ Candy His Nephew also has purchased Seventeen a half Candys at this place for which he has given from one hundred and nine Rupees to one hundred and Eleven ℔ Candy.

I now transmit you my Disbursements and Cash account for last Month. I am

CALLICUT
6TH. JANUARY 1749/50.
RECD. THE 7TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RICHD. SECKER.

N°. 40

TO THE WO. THOS BYFELD ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLRY.

WO. SIR & SIRS

By this Toney you will receive two Maunds of Wax for the Service of Anjengo Factory. I am

CALLICUT
8TH. JANUARY 1749/50.
RECD. THE 9TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RICHD. SECKER.

N°. 41

To the Worsll. Thomas Byfeld Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

Your Letter of the 31st. Ultimo came to hand this Morning and we now return your Toney with Duplicate of our last General Letter of the 2d. Instant by which you will See what Tonnage is to be depended upon here.

As we have not received an answer from the King of Travencore nor his Ministers about Pepper we can only Say that as soon as we are at any Certainty we shall dispatch the Express Boat to inform you She being detained for that purpose. We are

Sir and Sirs

Your most Humble Servants
Rd. Bourchier.
Thomas Pattle.
Francis Fowke.

Anjengo
the 4th. January 1749/50.
Received the 11th. following
℔ Toney.

N°. 42

To the Worsll. Thomas Byfeld Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

Your Letter of the 27th. Enclosing a General Letter from the Presidency came to hand the 29th. Ultimo and We observe what you say in regard to sending the Honble Companys Bales to you if a Conveyance offers. But as there is no probability of any Such Conveyance at present from hence to Tellicherry, We must desire that you leave room in one or part in both of the Ships to take in One hundred and thirty eight (138) Bales being 34½ Tonns which we have now ready in our Warehouse.

Nothing Extraordinary has offered Since our last.

We are
Sir and Sirs

Your most Humble Servants
Rd. Bourchier.
Thomas Pattle.
Francis Fowke.

Anjengo
January 2d. 1749/50.
Recd. the 11th. following
℔ Ship Dragon.

N°. 43

To the Wo. Thos. Byfeld Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellry.

Sir & Sirs

As I have Some Empty Cask on board belonging to the Honble Company which may be of Service to you here and are what I am in no want off on your giving me a Receipt for the Same I shall be very willing to leave them you and am

Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servant
Francis Fowler.

Tellry. January 13th. 1749/50.

N°. 44

To THOMAS BYFELD ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

THIS dispatch is purposely to acquaint you that Oppah Puttarah and his Brother have been some days at Panany enquiring the price of Pepper and as I am informed are in want of a large quantity though as they have made no purchase I have made all the private enquiry possible to find out by whom they are emploied but to no purpose and should they not be for you I fear it is for the French.

I thought it necessary to advise you of this as soon as it came to my knowledge that you might send a proper person thither if you deemed it needfull I haveing only one person here and whom I am obliged to keep to give me what advices may be necessary Relating to this business.

Since my last address under the 6^th^. Instant Condoty Paquy his Nephew has purchased by two and three Candies fifty five Candys of southern heavy Pepper for which he gave from one hundred and nine Rupees to one hundred and twelve Rupees ℔ Candy which is Shipped off for Mahie as also forty Candys bought by his Servant at Panany at one hundred and twenty Pondicherry Rupees ℔ Candy. There is now in this place twenty five Candys procurable at one hundred and Ten Rupees ℔ Candy.

The 11^th^. Instant returned the Puttarah which carried M^r^. Douglas and my joint letter to the Samorine who sent me the following answer that he did not think it needfull to reply thereto as he did not think we had any inclination to bring things to a Conclution or otherwise M^r^. Douglas would not have so soon proceeded to Tellicherry though I am certain had he staid till now it would have been just the same he having I realy believe and which plainly appears by his a quevalate [*sic*] no thoughts either of discharging his Olas or putting them in a speedy course of payment or give us due satisfaction for the loss of the Anjengo Sloop.

His Rajadores as before informed you that the Storekeepers bill for Powder and Ball should be discharged by the 5^th^. Instant though as yet have heard nothing further from them on that head either do I believe I shall

CALLICUT
14^TH^. JANUARY 1749/50.

REC^D^. THE 16^TH^. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RICH^D^. SECKER.

N°. 45

To THE WORSH^LL^. THO^S^. BYFELD ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

ON adjusting the Account Pepper Received this Year I find by our Receipts
Ca^s^. md^s^. ℔
there has been delivered into Warehouse 885. 7. —. and taking the Remains a
Ca^s^. md^s^. ℔
loss arises of 83. 8. 20¼ which seeming to me very extraordinary and may prejudice my Character if not taken Notice of. I desire therefore that a Committee of Council may be appointed to make the strictest Scrutiny into the Same to see if it is occasioned by any Mistake or fraud.

I am
W°. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
JOHN ROBINSON
Wareh°. K^r^.

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY 16^TH^. 1749/50.

N°. 46

WORSHIPFULL SIR

ACCORDINGLY to your Orders I sent the Tivey Fellow to the Prince the next day I arrived here who ordered him to come the next day the Prince Sent for the Nair but he was gone Sume way in the Country the Prince sent the next day also for the Nair he was not to be found, when I sent the Tivey fellow likewise to the Prince, till yesterday I sent the Tivey fellow to him which he ordered, to goe about his Buissness and ordered a Elephant with Sume Nairs to goe and brack his house down as he being informed that the Same Nair is a good for nothing Eittle fellow and would not obed [*sic*] his Orders for comming to him when he sent for him, the Bearer Chandu will inform your Worship all the Circumstances what is been happened since my last &c^{a}.

Nothing Extraordinary has happened here then that all is Well, I remain with Dutyfull Respect.

MADDACARRA JANUARY THE 15TH. 1749/50. REC^{D}. THE 16TH, FOLLOWING.

WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}, and most Obliged Humble Servant
PAUL BEUTHER.

N°. 47

To THOMAS BYFELD ESQ^{R},
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

JUST as we were apreparing Advices for the Honble Company to be sent to your Factory by the Stafford in Company of the Boscawen and Bombay Grab in order to be forwarded on the first Ship you dispatched Home, private Advices arrived from Bengall dated the 19th, November, by which we learn that the Prince William was to be Sent from thence directly for Great Brittain and that the Dragon would be the only Ship dispatched from that Presidency to take in a Loading on the Mallabar Coast and as the Prince William is thus provided for we have come to a Resolution to dispatch home the Salisbury from the Mallabar Coast and she will Shortly proceed to your place in company with the Boscawen this being dispatched by the Stafford and Bombay Grab in order to send you a Supply of 30 Chests of Treasure amounting to Rupees three hundred thousand (300000) as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, which is equally divided on those Ships.

On the Stafford proceeds Thomas Dorrill Esq^{r}. in order to take upon him the Chiefship of your Settlement agreable to the Honble Companys Commands having the Presidents Commission for that purpose he has Received his Sall^{ry}. to the 24 Dec^{r}, and Diet money to the last of that Month.

We would have you dispatch the Stafford and Bombay Grab with all convenient expedition down to Anjengo on whom Thomas Byfeld Esq^{r}. is to proceed being appointed Chief of that Settlement as ℔ the Presidents Commission enclosed and M^{r}. Bourchier will come hither on the Stafford agreable to the directions now sent to that Settlement. We hereby direct that M^{r}. John Robinson proceed to the assistance of Anjengo Factory either on the Stafford or Bombay Grab.

Enclosed is a List of Sundry Articles to be provided for the Boscawens Cargoe to Mocha which you are accordingly to procure on the best terms possible immediately sending a Companys Servant to Mangulore for Such as are to be purchased at that place; M^{r}. William Man one of her Supra Cargoes now takes his passage to Tellicherry whom you are duely to acquaint of your proceedings in the purchasing the above Cargoe.

Let Lieutenant Wardman proceed to Anjengo to take upon him the Command of the Military there.

We would have you provide on the best terms possible the like quantity and Sortments of Sandall Wood as ordered the last Year for the Dodington being wanted for part of the Staffords Cargoe to Canton.

Dispatch the accompanying Packet to Anjengo immediately on receipt hereof.

Mr. William Hornby now proceeds to the assistance of your Factory He commenced Factor on the 23d. February 1745/6 and is to take his Seat at your Board accordingly. His Salary has been paid him to the 1st. Instant and Diet Money to the end of December.

We shall Supply you with Such Stores as you indented for and can be Spared by the Ship Salisbury.

As we expect that you are advised from the Chief and Factors at Anjengo what money they are in want of you are to supply them accordingly out of the Treasure now consigned you on these Ships which you must continue from time to time to do as formerly ordered.

Should you be under a certainty when the Stafford and Bombay Grab return from Anjengo of there being Pepper Sufficient either at that Settlement of your Place for to load home the Salisbury You are then to dispatch the Commodore and Bombay hither without loss of time but should there not be Pepper Sufficient for that purpose the Salisbury is to be returned to the Presidency in company with the Stafford and Bombay which Vessells in case of necessity you may detain till the 20th. February longer than which they must on no Account be kept, as the Stafford must return to your Port for taking in the Sandall Wood for her China Voyage.

In respect to the Princes fixing his Son by Boyanores Sister in a Pallace in the Province of Errevadanaddu which Son is to succeed Boyanore according to the Laws of the Country and will doubtless be in Boyanores Interest during his Uncles Life which Interest is that of the French, and he may likewise at present be a great Check upon the Nombiers which may be prejudicial to the Honble Companys Pepper Trade we would have you use your best endeavours to prevail on the Prince to desist from placing his Son in that province with all acquainting him that we desire his Highness will not desturb the peace of the Country on that Account (which you Say he has promised to do untill you receive our Answer in this particular) as we are very Sensible it cannot be to the advantage of it to be in a State of War of that Account And on the other hand use your best endeavours with the four Nombiers to make his Highness suitable acknowledgements for any disobedience they have been guilt [*sic*] of.

Several of the Articles you sent us under No. 18 in regard to this Affair we cannot clearly comprehend especially the first to fight a Battle, but we cannot conceive to what end as by the 10th. Articles All parties are to be put in quiet possession of what they enjoyed before The War commences. Upon the whole is appears to us that the Prince is endeavouring to agrandize his Son (who will be Boyanore) at the expence of the House of Cherrica, you are therefore to use your best endeavours to prevent it on which you on the Spot will be doubtless the best judges [of] the Nature of occurrences but take care to avoid expence without being well assured it will turn in the end to the Honble Companys advantage.

We would have you use your best endeavours for recovering the Samorins Debt or as much thereof as you possibly can.

We observe you have Stop'd giving the Samorins Munchues and Vessels passports, but as that will look rediculous without making Reprizals which may prevent your geting the usual necessarys you are frequently in want of from Callicut and involve the Factory there we would therefore have the New Chief make it as an act

of favour to the Samorin on account of the good harmony that formerly Subsisted between him and the Honble Company and which we hope will be renewed to grant his Subjects Passports as formerly except you find that persisting in not giving them Passports may have a good effect in recovering the Goods that were saved out of the Wreck of the Anjengo Sloop in Respect to which we must Rely on your prudent management.

We admire at your advancing so large a Sum as Nineteen thousand Rupees for Rice so early in the Season especially as your Cash was so low.

It was expressly ordered in our Letter of the 12th. September last that the Officers and Europeans belonging to the Military and Artillary of your place should receive their pay from the 1st. April last which ought to have been complyed with. The Officers under the Lieutenant fireworker must receive the usual pay.

We would have you inlist as many good Men as are willing to come hither out of those you proposed to discharge from your Garrison.

Let your best endeavours be used to clear the Achamars Debt on the best terms possible.

Remember to Send the Honble Company Capt. Masons Obligation for Sending out the People you Spared him for the Service of his Ship agreable to his request keeping an Attested Copy of the Same.

Ensign Target now returns to his duty at Tellicherry also Pasqual Rodrigues Topass Soldier and Peter Advaches who was formerly a serjeant but broke here for misbehavior, Richard Pates is to be sent to Anjengo and they have received pay here to the end of December.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 6TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

We are
Your Loving Friends

WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM WEST.
T. DORRILL.
W. SEDGWICKE.
THOMAS LANE.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
HUGH SYMMONS.
T. HODGES.

P.S. Let the enclosed Indent for the use of our Marine be comply'd with as soon as possible. Let the enclosed Packet for the Honble Company be forwarded on the first Ship you dispatch home.

RECD. THE 16TH. FOLLOWING
℔ STAFFORD CAPT. BAKER.

N°. 48

TO THE WO. THOMAS BYFELD ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHRY.

SIR AND SIRS

This is to advise you that we have this day contracted for five hundred (500) Candies of Pepper and have a promise that we shall have a much larger Quantity but the latter is uncertain, which we were Ordered by the Board to inform you of as soon as Effected.

We must desire that you will send us a supply of fifty or Sixty thousand (60,000) Rupees as soon as possible being quite out of money.

You will please to dispatch the Express Boat as soon as possible as the Bengall General Letter may be of Consequence as well as the advices from this Factory.

ANJENGO
THE 16TH. JANUARY 1749/50.
RECD. THE 20TH. FOLLOWING
℔ EXPRESS BOAT.

We ar[e]
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RICHD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N°. 49

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THOS. BYFELD ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

WE have been favoured with what you wrote us under the 25th. September and now send you inclosed the Duplicate of our last of the 7th. October by our Honble Masters own Ship Duke of NewCastle, The Commander of which having omitted to send ashore at Fort St. George thirty half Pieces of Blue Cloth which We put on board him for that place and which We were unacquainted with when he left us We are therefore to request You will demand the Same of him and bring the amount of it to our Credit.

On the 19th. of October sailed the Honble Rear Admiral Boscawen in the Exeter for Great Brittain taking with him all his Majestys Ships and Vessells except the Vigilant, Ruby, Tartar and Swallow Snow, on board the former of which is Commodore Lisle who Sailed for the Eastwd. and We understand by the Elizabeth that arrived from Atcheen the 25th. Ultimo was there when she came away. The Chesterfield and Royal George belongg. to our Honble Masters have both been dispatched for Europe the former near loaded the 12th. October and the latter about eighty Tons dead freighted the 2d. November, The Fort St. George We have sent to Madagascar for a Cargo of Slaves whither She proceeded the 1st. November and by advices from Bengall We learn Edgbaston and Tavistock were to be dispatched from thence directly for England, The Walpole for Juddah, and the Severn and Brittannia for Surat. The Dragon in Consequence of the Directions of our Honble Masters sailed for your Coast the 1st. Ultimo and must before this reaches You We imagine be arrived with You.

The Augusta that left England some time last February bound for this Place and China having fallen to Leeward was obliged to go to Malacca from whence She arrived the 26th. Ultimo and brings Advice that all our Honble Masters Shipping of last Year bound from hence to China had passed that Port in Safety.

FORT ST. DAVID
8TH. JANUARY 1749/50.
RECD. THE 21ST. FOLLOWING.
℔ PATTAMAR.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 50

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL AT TELL^RY.

SIR AND SIRS

Your Commands dated the 19^th. came to hand this day to which I shall now reply.

A List of Sundrys to be provided for Ship Boscawen I rec^d. and am to acquaint you that I have purchased the following in part of her indent. viz^t.

Twenty five Candys (25) of Cua fifteen of which I have given twenty three Rupees ℔ Candy Eight twenty two and the Remainder twenty two a half. Saffron two Candys at forty eight Rupees ℔ Candy Ginger four Candys two at eighty five Rupees and the Remainder at eighty five a half Rupee ℔ Candy and Copra five Candys at thirty One a Quarter Rupees ℔ Candy all which please to observe we are to be at the Charge of Shipping off what remains shall be provided if possible but must inform you that their is not a Candy of Saffron or Ginger more at this juncture to be sold that I can hear off though if you can stay fifteen days I can contract for about twelve Candys of each sort at four Rupees ℔ Candy advance I must now advise you that Malabar Goods in general are most Extravegantly dear and much fear their prices will still rise occasioned by the Number of Small Craft which duly arrive.

Your Indent of Teak Beams and plank are not procurable here at present. There are some Timbers though not near enough to say into the quantity of Plank you are in want of and those at Seven rupees and three Quarters ℔ Candy a price I beleive seldom or ever was heard off in this place before therefore defer buying the some till I receive further orders from you relating thereto.

That part of the Tellicherry Indent which is procurable shall be purchased and sent you as opportunity's may offer and no pains shall be wanting to comply with the whole though fear so large a quantity of Wax Candles are not to be obtained the twenty five Timbers you'l please to advise me whether you would have small or large there being a considerable differences in their prices as also the Tallies wither Bamboe or Wood.

I duely observe what you say concerning Pepper which shall be strictly adhired to to the utmost of my ability and as you intend writing me particularly on that Subject I shall only now acquaint you that unless we purchase (as you were formerly advised) as the French have done by two and three candys at a time we shall not be able to do any thing at this Port and this to be done daly as it may Rise or fall which is almost hourly the case here as to goods in general. a Small quantity is now procurable at one hundred and Ten Rupees ℔ Candy. Should you aprove of purchasing in this manner you will please to send me such a further Supply of Cash as you may think proper it being impossible for me to inform you what quantity I may be able to procure and as to contract to any considerable amount at this Port or those adjacent I am advised is impracticable.

You will receive by this Toney one Chest of Wax Candles q^t. five Md^s. in part of what indented for being agreeable to your directions.

Being in great want of Stationary Ware request you will comply with the enclosed List.

This instant arrived a Pacquet from Fort S^t. David for your Settlement which I now transmit you.

My Cash Account for last Month is Eronious having omitted crediting your Factory for a Bill of Exchange in favour of Thomas Byfeld Esq^r. drawn by me on the Chief and Council for value Rec^d. here therefore now Enclose you a Rectified one.

The five thousand Rupees Rec[d]. this day you have due Credit for.

The Letter I received for the Samorine I dispatch[ed] on its arrival.

Your Detachment is now return by.

CALLICUT
20TH. JANUARY 1749/50.
RECD. THE 21ST. FOLLOWING
BY TONEY.

SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

N°. 51

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

FROM the advices we have received of the 16th. Novr. from Anjengo Factory there is no reason to apprehend but at that Settlement there is Pepper Sufficient with what you have in Warehouse to give the Duke of Newcastle Dragon and Salisbury their full Charter Party Tonnage and as you must have been advised from thence according to our directions thither of the quantity they have we doubt not but you have given the Duke of Newcastle her full Charter Party Tonnage and with the Dragon likewise so soon as she arrives with you.

The Salisbury will want about three hundred and eighty Tons to compleat her Charterparty Tonnage when She arrives with you the remainder will be supplied here.

You wrote us under the [...] Novr. that you had sent to know what quantity of Pepper could be procured at Cochin, since when you have mentioned nothing further concerning it although we doubt [not] but you have acted therein conformable to the quantity of Tonnage you have been apprized is to be compleated so as the above Ships may be dispatched in time.

But if contrary to our expectations there should be a failure of Pepper at Anjengo and at Cochin so as not to be Sufficient to compleat the Charter Party Tonnage abovementioned lessen the Dragons Charter Party Tonnage conformable to the Honble Companys Orders which you have acknowledged to have received and the Duke of Newcastles likewise if not already dispatched and as it is reasonable to judge that the Dragon will be with you before the Salisbury we would have you order those Ships to take in at Cochin what Pepper may be necessary so as the Salisbury may meet with as little delay as possible.

We would have you return this Boat so soon as you can give us certain information when, and in what manner the above Ships can be dispatched. We are

Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM WEST.
THOMAS LANE.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
H. SYMMONS.
THOMAS HODGES.

BOMBAY CASTLE
JANUARY 14TH. 1749/50.
RECD. THE 22D. FOLLOWING
BY EXPRESS BOAT.

N°. 52

To the Worshipll. Thomas Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

Conformable to an Order of Council we are now to lay before you the enquiry We have made regarding the loss which appears on Pepper from April last to December following.

In weighing off five Maunds We found a difference of 1¼ ℔ Gain between weighing the same off in the manner delivered to the Shipping that is to say at one draft and weighing the said five Maunds at three drafts two Maunds in two and One Maund at another draft which the Merchants deliver their Pepper by.

In comparing our weights with those belonging to the Ship Stafford We found a difference of ¼ ℔ in 150 ℔s. ours being so much less.

Muccatum Paqui, Combem Allipy Nelearte Tupy and Cherriandy Cunhamod Pepper Merchants attend and the undermentioned questions put to them.

1st. They are asked in what manner they deliver their Pepper and if before the same is weighed off whether its Sooped and whether its dried and how long. They answer that what Pepper is brought by Sea or in the rainy Season sometimes is wet but that the Warehousekrs. Assistants always dry the Same Sufficiently before weighing keeping it out in the Sun for two three or more days as the case may require, and in respect to Sooping they Say that the stones if any happens to be mixt with the Pepper as is Sometimes the case the Warehousekrs. Assistants take the Same out before weighing but its in no ways sooped or garbled.

2nd. They are asked whether they give the turn of the Scale or weigh the Same exactly. They answer as exact as possible.

3rd. They are asked for their daily account of delivery of Pepper. They answered the Same is delivered to the head Linguist Pedroe Rodrigues.

4th. They are asked whether directly or indirectly they have given at any one time or more any present by way of bribe to the Warehousekr. or any of his assistants to bring to either of their Accounts more Pepper than they actually deld. To which they all answer they never did neither were they at any time asked for any such thing and were then dismissed. The Warehousekr. Mr. Robinson and his Assistants are asked in what manner the Pepper is issued to the Europe Ships? who answer that the Pepper after garbling is put into Robins or Bags of five Maunds each in order to have it in readiness against the arrival of any Europe Ship, and for the greater dispatch the Commanders generally weigh from 60 to 100 Bags or Robins Gross when the Same is Started and the Tare ascertained and agreeable to what the Nett Pepper of those Drafts turn out they take the whole Cargoe.

The Warehousekrs. Head Assistant is asked whether the loss on Pepper from April last to Decr. does not appear somewhat Extraordinary which he thinks is so and is asked how so large a one can arise who says he cano't account for it.

The Warehousekr. (Mr. Robinson) and his Assistants are asked if they keep the garblings or fling the Same away. Who answer that the Garblings is nothing but the Dust of no manner of Service, and that its always flung away, and declare that no Profit by way of perquisite is made by said Garblings.

The assistants are asked for their Day Book who now deliver the Same to us.

From these Circumstances it appeared to us there has been no fraud or Embezzelment, but how this Extraordinary loss has arose We must leave to Your Consideration. We are with respect.

Sir and Sirs
Your most Obediend [*sic*] Humble Servants
Ar. Douglas.
J. Robinson.
Chas. Waters.

Tellicherry
22d. January 1749/50.

N°. 53

To the W°. Thomas Dorrill Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors at Tell^RY^.

W°. Sir & Sirs

The Quantity of Pepper Wanting to fill the Dragon up I Beleave will be 150 or 160 Tons but if we take in the 140 Surat bailes I Beleave she will not take more then 60 or 70 Tons of Pepper to fill [her]. I am with my best respects.

Worshp^LL^. Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Henry Kent.

January
the 22^D^. 1749/50.

N°. 54

To M^R^. Dorrill.

Sir

I have received the honour of your Letter which informs me of your arrival at Tellicherry to take upon you the Chiefship of that place after congratulating you on your safe arrivall I assure and promise to live with you in the Same good harmony which was always observed with your Predecessors being well perswaded that its the best way to hinder the Mallabars from taking advantage of either of us.

To show your Predecessors how much I wanted to keep up the harmony that was formerly between the two Settlements I desired him to follow the terms of Agreement for Exchanging Dissertors, he always answered me that he had no orders from his Superiors on this head. I supposed that when you arrived you would be empowered to follow the Steps made used [*sic*] off between the two Settlements before the War broke out what I request this is on no other account but for the good and tranquillity of both Colonies. Notwithstanding you may have received no orders from your Superiors to follow that agreement yet I can see no Inconveniency that it can be to either of us following the Same.

There is one more essential point that is to hinder the Mallabars taking an advantage of our want of Pepper. I think it will be convenient for us to fix on a price for this Year without which it will vary greatly therefore desire you'l inform me what seems best to you in this particular promising not to give more than what we shall fix on, I hope you'l be perswaded of the Sincerity of my Sentiments having nothing else in view but the good of the two Settlements.

I have the honour to be with Esteem.

Sir
Your most humble Servant
Louet.

Mayee
3^D^. February 1750.
Rec^D^. the 23^D^. January 1749/50. O.S.

N°. 55

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Council at Tell^RY^.

Sir and Sirs

I arrived here the 20^th^. Instant at Night, and Yesterday agreeable to your Commands to me I made Enquiry of Lewis De Mendoza what part of the nineteen thousand Rupees he had invested in Rice, he acquaints me that one thousand Pagodas is invested, and that here is about Sixty Corge ready.

I have got ready the full quantity of Beetlenut and half the quantity ordered of Jeresall Rice and agreed for the whole of the Champsall to be delivered in about four days more in which time I hope to get ready the remainder of Jeresall. The Price of Pagodas are now at 378 Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas—no Ships in sight yet.

This comes by a Toney as I now send two of them back the other I shall keep till the Ships arrive from Bombay. I am

MANGULORE
THE 22D. JANUARY 1749/50.
RECD. THE 24TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
WILLIAM HORNBY.

N°. 56

To MR. DORRILL ESQR.

SIR

I HAVE recd. the Honour of your Letter dated the 24th. January O.S. Wherein you desire I would give you my opinion what price may be given this Year for Pepper the quantity we shall want as likewise what quantity may be this years produce.

Regarding the Price as there is absolutely a want in these parts it will be very scarce and imagine the price will be about 100 Rupees ℔ Candy if we can buy under it will be well but we should stand out for 90 if you can gett it from 90 to 100 please to advise me that I may guide myself thereby with our Merchants assuring you that I'll give no more than we may mutually fix on.

As before related there is very little of this Commodity in the Country.

In relation to the quantity we may want Its out of my power to explain my self on this head as the quantity we may be able to gett will guide us in our purchases.

You give me no answer concerning the mutual exchange of Deserters which is a very essential point to keep up the tranquillity of our Respective Settlements.

I have the honour to be
SIR
Your most humble servant
LOUET.

MAYEE
5TH. FEBRUARY 1750.
RECD. THE 25TH. JANRY 1749/50. O.S.

N°. 57

TO THE WORSLL. THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLRY.

WO. SIR & SIRS

FINDING my time from Bengall to England will be longer then I Expected I Desire a Supply of Twenty Bags of Rice for the Honble Companys Ship Dragon and am with my best respects.

HONBLE. SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant at Command
HENRY KENT.

JANUARY
THE 26TH. 1749/50.

N°. 58

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR commands under the 22d. Instt. came duely to hand by the Bombay Grab as also a Chest of Treasure containing five thousand Rups. (Rs. 5000) for which your factory has due Credit.

Agreeable to your directions I ordered Manoel Netto to Panany to purchase Pepper but he being incapable of going thither occasioned by a disorder that he has (as he tels me) been enflected with for some time past I have dispatched a trusty Moor who I have ordered daily to advise me of his transactions.

The Twenty five Candies of Pepper I informed you was procurable here at one hundred and ten Rupees ℔ Candy was disposed off for one hundred and fifteen Rupees before I received your Commands and from that to one hundred and twenty Rupees is the price Currant at Present. I shall purchase what I am able on the best terms I can if the price dose not still advance which I fear will be the case as soon as the Macaw Ships arrive which are daily Expected therefore please to send me Ten thousand Rupees more should you approve of the above as I may possibly be in want of it.

I duely observe your Paragraph relating to the goods to be provided here for the Boscoowins Mocha Voyage which shall be strictly adhere to.

In my last address I informed you there were no Plank procurable here that was agreeable to the Bombay Indent either is their any Teak Timbers to be purchased at any Rate at present Exclusive of twelve I am now contracting for the service of your Settlement.

I have this day bought of various Persons forty six Candy's of Southern heavy Pepper vizt. eight at One hundred and twelve Rupees ℔ Candy nine at One hundred and thirteen four at one hundred and thirteen a half and twenty five at one hundred and thirteen which I am in hopes will be approved off by you &ca.

I have nothing more at present to advise you off only that my utmost endeavours shall be used to procure all the Pepper possible and at the cheapest Rate.

CALLICUT
25TH. JANRY 1749/50.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

RECD. THE 27TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

N°. 59

To THE WORSHLL. THOS. DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLRY.

SIR AND SIRS

AGREABLE to what we last wrote you under the 22d. Instant haveing recd. 318 Gunny Baggs from Captain Francis Fowler Commander of the Honble Companys Ship Duke of New Castle we return them by this Vessell.

Not being Supply'd with any Broad Cloth from the Presidency we are in want of some for our Annual Presents to this Government and must desire you will Supply us with one piece of fine Scarlet and one Ps. of Ordinary by the first convayance that offer. We are

ANJENGO
JANRY THE 25TH. 1749/50.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

P.S. Our Honble Masters Ship Duke of New Castle was dispatched this day for England.

IR.

RD. BOURCHIER.

RD. BOURCHIER.
THOMAS PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

RECD. THE 29TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

N°. 60

To THOS. DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

ACCORDING to your Commands I now Dispatch the Detachment which brought me Ten thousand Rupees this day and will answer your Letter to morrow by the Toney that accompany's her.

CALLICUT
29TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

RECD. THE SAME DAY
℔ TONEY.

N°. 61

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLRY.

SIR & SIRS

SINCE my last under the 25th. Instant I have purchased Twenty one Candy's of Southern Pepper fifteen of which I have given one hundred thirteen a half Rupees ℔ Candy and the remainder one hundred thirteen a quarter therefore request you will on receipt of this send me twenty thousand Rupees (Rs. 20,000. —. —).

There are two Servants belonging to Combem Allipy in this place and who have been here eight days as also one of Muccatum Paqui and another of Cheriandy Cunimu which are gone to Panany all of these report they are employed to procure Pepper for the Honble Company which I fear will advance the price . A Portugueze Frigata arrived here this morning and I am informed the Captain of her is purchasing Pepper so shall be glad you will acquaint me to the extent of what you

would have me give for that article should you send me the money I now write for. I have heard nothing from the moor I sent to Panany and should he have contracted or purchased any Pepper I have no Cash to pay for it.

I have bought fourteen Teak Timbers for the Service of Tellicherry at Six Rupees three quarters ℔ Candy.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Humble Servant
RD. SECKER.

CALLICUT
28TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

P.S. The accompanying Ola I this Instant Recd. from the Samorine.
R.S.

RECD. THE 29TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

Nº. 62

TO THE Wo, THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

WE are now to acknowledge the receipt of Your three General Letters of the 13th. 16th. and 17th. Instant. The Vessell with the Dispatches for the Honble Court of Directors came to hand the 20th. in the morning and the Duke of New Castle Imported the Same Evening and as you say it is our Superiors Orders that she shall receive no more at this Factory than thirty four Tons and a half of Cloth (34½ Tonns) we shall lade no more on board her than that Quantity tho' we could have filled her up.

As there is no relying on the promises of even Princes amongst these Mallabars we can't say that we shall be able to fill the Dragon but we have the Kings word for all the Pepper that can be gott and as the new Crop is come in (tho' a very indifferent one) we hope there will be near if not sufficient to compleat her Tonnage with the remainder of the Cloth and what you have put on board her.

The Invoice of Wax we have recd. and it shall be brought to the Credit of your Factory as shall the Diet supplied our Detachment which went up on the Dragon.

We have demanded your 484 Gunney Baggs from Captain Fowler and when received shall be sent by your Pinget which shall wait for them.

Yesterday came to hand your Letter of Advice of the Arrival of the Stafford and Bombay Grabb and we embrace this first opportunity of congratulating Mr. Dorrill on his Accession to the Chiefship at Tellicherry.

The Honble the President and Councils Packet for the Honble Court of Directors is received and shall be delivered Captain Fowler.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
THOMAS PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

ANJENGO
THE 22D. JANRY. 1749/50.
RECD. THE 29TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

N°. 63

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Council at Tell^RY^.

Sir and Sirs

Your commands under the 27^th^. with Ten thousand Rupees (R^s^. 10,000) came to hand yesterday by the detachment you sent and whom I dispatched last night with a few lines and will now acquaint you with what further purchases I have made viz. thirty Seven a half Candy's of Pepper Eight at one hundred thirteen, nine a half one hundred and Eleven a half and the remainder at one hundred and thirteen as also fourteen Teak Timbers at Six Rupees three quarters ℔ Candy.

As I imagine you would have a detachment on board the Munchua you order me to send the Pepper by Request you will send one from Tellicherry—by whom please send me ten thousand Rupees more.

As to the Bombay Indents not being comply'd with was occasioned for want of Cash in a proper time.

I will Examine the Plank provided for Fort S^t^. David and what is proper for that indent shall be taken out and others bought in their Room when procurable.

In future you shall be advised who are the Purchasers of Pepper.

The Stafford Captain Baker with the Bombay Grab Captain England arrived here the 23^d^. Inst^t^. and sailed from hence the next morning.

The Tryall Snow Captain Samuel Lutton from Bengall bound to your Port imported here yesterday as also a Chenee Ship bound to Surat belonging to Cojee Michall and a Portugueze Briganteen from Surat who is bound back again.

I have this Inst^t^. heard from the Moor I sent to Panany who advises me that he can get no more than ten Candys of Pepper and that very Wet and Dirty therefore have ordered him not to purchase it.

Please to send me some Stationary Ware being in great want.

Callicut
29^TH^. Janry 1749/50.

I am
Sir and Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
R^D^. Secker.

Rec^D^. the 30^TH^. following
℔ Toney.

N°. 64

To the Worsh^LL^. Thomas Dorrill Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Wors^LL^. Sir & Sirs

On our arrival at Cochin we endeavoured to procure the Quantity of Nutmegs and Cloves in part of the Boscawens Cargo as desired but were not able to get more than three Chests of each Invoice of which comes enclosed, likewise Ezekiel Rabys Contract for the remaining Seventeen Chests of Cloves which we are in hopes will be sent up in time, as Dutch Ship is daily expected to arrive from Batavia.

Ezekiel Raby has Agreed with us to deliver Two hundred Candies of Pepper of Six hundred Pounds English by the 20^th^. of February to Such Ship you may send hither for receiving the same and as much more as he can possibly get by that time to be paid for on delivery but he would not enter into a written Contract for this article, however he has promised to write M^r^. Dorrill what Quantity he may expect to get in all next Month and we doubt not of his complying therewith.

Exclusive of the Invoice Mr. Robinson has been at the Expence of Twenty Two Rupees for Boat hire and Charges on Shore which he desires may be repaid to his Attorneys at your Place.

We now return the Munchua and are.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

THOMAS BYFELD.
JOHN ROBINSON.

COCHIN ROAD
ON BOARD THE STAFFORD
JANUARY THE 28TH. 1749/50.

P.S.

By Ezekiels Contract you will perceive we have left the Balance of the ten thousand Rupees in his hands for providing the Cloves and in case they are not procured in time it is to be carried to his Pepper Contract.

THOS. BYFELD.
JOHN ROBINSON.

RECEIVED THE 30TH. JANUARY FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

No. 65

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLRY.

SIR & SIRS

YOUR Commands dated the 30th. Ultimo came to hand yesterday with a Chest of Treasure containing Ten thousand Rupees (10000) by which I am glad to observe the Several purchases of Pepper are agreeable to you. I now transmit you an Account of the whole quantity I have purchased with the Merchants names and prices which on Examining you'l find turn out at a medium one hundred thirteen Rupees and forty One decemals ℔ Candy nearest.

I formerly advised you that two of the Tellicherry Pepper Merchants were here as also two at Panany purchasing Pepper and at this juncture do not find any other Publick purchasers but when any Such come to my knowledge you shall be duely advised thereof.

I have bought nine more Teak Timbers Since I last wrote you and at the Same price.

I observe your remark Relating to my Reasons for the Bombay Indents not being comply'd with and must say that the very same I gave you in my last was the Sole cause thereof for what did the five thousand Rupees you sent me eleven days ago Signifie when there was none of those articles procurable at any Rate and that the second of your board is well acquainted with he being here the begining of that Month besides he must certainly know that January is not the Season for Timbers to be brought to this place he being here some years therefore am very sorry it should be matter of Surprise to him. There has been its true a number of Timbers this year here procurable which the people of the Northern Boumborough and others have carried off occasioned by want of mony on our parts alone therefore and duely considering this affair I flatter myself you will not think me in the least culpable.

Your directions for returning the Detachment with Speed was very punctual so could not think of deviating from your orders on any account as had an unforeseen accident happened I might have been blamed with a great deal of justice.

I have Examined the Plank for Fort S^{t}. David Presidency and find their is none proper for the Bombay Indent.

I have loaded on board this Shybar thirty five Candies of Southern heavy Pepper which amounts to as ℔ Invoice three thousand nine hundred ninety Rupees and ninety five decimals with charged [*sic*] and by the Account of the whole quantity purchased you'l please to observe I have enough left to load two more and I hope in a few days to be able to load another.

Pray send me one hundred and fifty Gunny Bags by the first Munchua you may send to take in Pepper.

Captain Kent in the Dragon passed this port two day ago.

CALLICUT — I am
1ST. FEBRUARY 1749/50. — SIR AND SIRS
REC^{D}. THE 2^{D}. FOLLOWING — Your Obedient Servant
℔ MUNCHUA. — R^{D}. SECKER.

N^{o}. 66

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

BY these Six Toneys you will receive twelve Teak Timbers in part of the Tellicherry Indent the Account of which you shall have shortly.

CALLICUT — I am
1ST. FEBRUARY 1749/50. — SIR & SIRS
REC^{D}. THE 3^{D}. FOLLOWING — Your Obedient Servant
℔ TONEY. — R^{D}. SECKER.

N^{o}. 67

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL AT TELL^{RY}.

SIR & SIRS

SINCE my last under the 1st. Instant I have purchased forty one Candys of Southern Pepper at Rupees one hundred and thirteen ℔ Candy and am now to acquaint you that two of Condoty Paquy his Servants arrived here yesterday who are endeavouring to procure this article.

Oppah Puttarah has been with me this day who advises me he has at Panany and Cochin about fifty Candys of Pepper but will not dispose of it under and twenty five Rupees ℔ Candy which price I cant think of giving before I received your directions.

Your Letter under the 3^{d}. came to hand this morning as also a hundred Gunny Bags by a Munchua which I now dispatch agreeable to your Commands.

I have this Instant procured forty large Teak Timbers and twelve small ones all of which will Serve for the Bombay Indent therefore request you will send Toneys for them as soon as possible there not being any at this juncture procurable here haveing already sent you Six besides the Tellicherry Mucquas will carry three and these only two each Toney.

I now transmit you an Invoice of what laded on board this Munchua amounting to with Charges Rupees 3986. 24.

dec^{s}.

Please to remit me as soon as it may be convenient Ten thousand Rupees (10000).

Two days past a fire broak out here which consumed upwards of four hundred houses and being near our Factory obliged me to uncover it.

CALLICUT
5TH. FEBRUARY 1749/50.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

P.S. On Examining the Timbers find there is no more than 6 large ones but 16 Small.

RD. SECKER.

RECD. THE 6TH. FOLLOWING
BY MUNCHUA.

No. 68

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

I DISPATCH this Toney by the request of Surcahander to desire you will indulge him with two Passes one for Grab Fattacare Sallammatty Marcar Shack Sallammatty burthen three hundred and fifty Candies the other for Grab Rupacall Shakejee Marcan burthen two hundred Candies both of which bound to Mocha.

The St. Michal from China a Portugueze Ship arrived here this afternoon who is in want of Pepper the price of which hourely advances. I am

CALLICUT
6TH. FEBRUARY 1749/50.

SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

RECD. THE 7TH. FOLLOWING
BY TONEY.

No. 69

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR commands under yesterdays date came to hand this morning with a chest of Treasure containing Ten thousand Rupees (10000) for which your Factory has due credit I have also recd. one hundred Gunny Bags which with those Sent me a few days past I now return fill'd therefore request they may be Sent me back as soon as you dispatch me another Munchua.

Since my last I have been able to procure no more then Eleven Candys and one quarter of Pepper the prices of which you will see by the list now Enclosed you.

I now transmit you two Invoices one of which you will please to observe compleats the Account I sent you under the 1st. Instant which amounts to with Charges Rupees four thousand two hundred thirteen and 8225 decs. the other to three thousand one hundred ninety three and 366 decimals.

The Teak Timbers I mentioned in my last to have purchased was for the Bombay Indent of the 16th. Novr. and which shall be tendered to Captain England on his arrival.

You will receive a list of what goods I have provided for the Boscawens Mocha Voyage with their prices.

I am
Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
Rd. Secker.

Callicut
9th. February 1749/50.
Recd. the 11th. following
℔ Munchua.

No. 70

To The Wo. Thomas Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellry.

Wo. Sir and Sirs

Your Letter of the 3d. Instant we received the 6th. and shall Credit your Factory for the amount of the Cloth sent us.

We have laden on the Dragon to this time upwards of Two hundred Candies of Pepper and Twenty Bales of Cloth and Expect forty more Bales shortly likewise to have a meeting with the Kings People, when we shall know what further Quantity of Pepper we may be able to get and advise you Our remains in Warehouse after the dispatch of the Dragon with what more Pepper we may reasonably Expect to procure in time for the Salisbury.

Enclosed goes an Account of Sundries Supplied to two Boats and a Detachment from your Place amounting to Rupees Ten two quarters and Sixty Seven reas (10. 2. 67) which we desire this Factory may have Credit for and this Boat has had to the amount of three Rupees in Firewood Potts &ca. which we shall Charge Our Factory with.

We are
Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Thomas Byfeld.
Thomas Pattle.
John Robinson.

Anjengo
9th. February 1749/50.
Recd. the 14th. following
℔ Toney.

No. 71

To Thomas Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Tellry.

Sir & Sirs

This is purposely to request you will write to the Samorine desiring he will order his custom Masters so attend on our Sending to them otherways I shall not be able to Ship off any goods without loss of time.

I sent for them this day to see the Pepper weighed of who sent me word back they would not come till the Evening the sun being very hot. I have wrote a Letter to the Govr. but as yet have had no answer.

The reason of my not dispatching the Munchua you sent for Pepper which arrived last night as also the two you sent for the goods provided for the Boscawen is Soley occasioned by theese [*sic*] impertinant fellows therefore hope you will comply with my request.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

CALLICUT
13TH. FEBRUARY 1749/50.

P.S. Captain Baker and England arrived here yesterday morning in Company with two French Ships one of which is come for Pepper.

R.S.

RECEIVED THE 14TH, FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

No. 72

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLRY.

SIR & SIRS

THE Stafford Captain Baker arrived here the 12th. with the Bombay Grab as also Captain Goring a Bengall Ship several Gentlemen belonging to which will [*sic*] refused going on board their Ships occasioned by Goods being transhipped from the Maccaw Ship on board the Commodore in this road which is the reason of my not dispatching the Munchuas as Toneys were impeded going on board any Ships either can I dispatch them before to morrow when I shall write you fully in the mean time Request you will Send me Ten thousand Rupees but pray let them be new ones having now by be about three thousand which I cant pay away they being very old.

I have tendered the Timbers provided for the Bombay Indent both to Captain Baker and Captain England who both Declare they cant take them in on account of their Size.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

CALLICUT
15TH. FEBRUARY 1749/50.

RECD. THE 16TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY

No. 73

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

OUR last was dated the 14 Instant ℔ Express Boat and we have duely received the Advices from your Factory of the 24th. and 31st. Ultimo.

This we send by the Salisbury which we have directed to call at Mangulore with the Boscawen for that Ships greater Security during the time she must necessarily stay there for taking in Such part of her Cargoe for Mocho as may be provided for her at that Place agreable to our former orders after which they will proceed to Tellickerry and when you have duely consigned to the Mocho Supra Cargoes Messrs. Richard Peisley and William Man and Captain Benjamin Braund the whole Cargoe abovementioned you are to give the Commander orders to proceed to Mocho previously calling at Socatra agreable to the Directions he has recd. from us and after his arrival at Mocho as abovementioned he is duely to observe all Such orders as may be given him by the Supra Cargoes for his further proceedings.

We have laden on board the Salisbury here all the Surat Peice Goods Carmenia Wool and Cotton Yarn in Warehouse being abt. 39 Tons whence there will be wanting to compleat her Charter Party Tonnage about 464 Tons as ℔ the enclosed Calculate thereof, and from your advices of the 31st. Ultimo we make no doubt of your having dispatched Home the Newcastle and Dragon in the manner we formerly Directed and that there will be a sufficient quantity of Pepper on the Coast for compleating the Charter Party Tonnage of this Ship in due time and we have only to recommend your exerting your best Endeavours in giving her the quickest Dispatch possible from your place to Anjengo for that purpose loading on board such Pepper as you may have remaing. in Warehouse But if contrary to all manner of expectation there should be a default in the Pepper expected at Anjengo and Cochin so that the Salisbury cannot be dispatched home short of her Tonnage in the manner prescribed by the Honble Company in their Commands of the 2d. Decr. 1748 before or about the latter End of next month or in all the present fair Season so as to proceed with her Cargoe to the other Coast in order to winter there as the Commander may judge proper in such case she must be returned to the Presidency and we make no doubt of your having been advised longere this whether the Chief and Factors at Anjengo can dispatch her or not but at all events the Stafford must not be detained longer than the 20th. February as directed in our last.

We now consign you the Sum of Sixty thousand (60000) Rupees on the Salisbury and forty thousand (40000) on the Boscawen with such Stores as can be spared for your Settlement amounting as ℔ Invoice and Bills of Lading Enclosed to Rupees one hundred two thousand two hundred and thirteen two Quarters and Seventy Seven Reas and you are to have due regard to the Honble Companys orders in respect to the purchase of Pepper as directed in the 43d. Paragraph of their Letter of the 25th. Febry. 1747 ℔ Ship Orford.

As you write us that the Price of Rice in your Buzar was so low as only 2¼ Rupees ℔ Bag we would have you send hither on return of the Stafford and Bombay Grab the twenty four hundred (2400) Bags laden on Ship Dragon by the President and Council at Bengall.

In Respect to the Several Invalids and Depondants [*sic*] at your Factory at present in Monthly pay We direct that in future you only allow such old Soldiers as have Served the Honble Company well and through age grown incapable of doing Duty or getting their living in any other manner the Chief giving the others such a small allowance as he may judge suitable once for all.

Enclosed are Covenants to be executed by Mr. William Hornby which must be transmitted home by this Ship he writing to his Friends in England to give the Security required being One thousand Pounds (1000) and there being an Error in the enclosed Covenants of the year of his Majestys Reign which is there said to be the 22d. instead of the 23d. you will receive Blank Covenants to rectify the same. Mr. Dorrills will be transmitted Home from hence.

Remember to send with the Salisbury to Anjengo a Calculate of the Tonnage supplied at this Presidency and your Place.

Advise the Honble Company by the Salisbury all necessary occurrences relating to your Settlement transmitting at the Same time the usual Papers Copies of all which you are to send hither by the first opportunity.

Continue to supply the Gentlement [*sic*] at Anjengo with Treasure as they may request it conformable to our former orders.

We are
Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM WEST.
THOMAS LANE.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
H. SYMMONS.
T. HODGES.

BOMBAY CASTLE
JANUARY 29TH. 1749/50

RECD. THE 17TH. FEBRY. FOLLOWING.
℔ SHIP BOSCAWEN.

No. 74

To Thomas Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

The 11th. Instant arrived the Boscawen when with the utmost Expedition I Loaded on her the Goods I had provided of which comes Inclosed Invoice and Bill of Lading Amounts to Rupees Eight thousand eight hundred thirty four two quarters and ten Reas (Rs. 8834. 2. 10.) the Remainder of the Eleven thousand Rupees I've paid to the Rice Contractors Agents here being Rupees two thousand One hundred Sixty five One quarter and Ninety Reas (Rs. 2165. 1. 90) the recet for which is inclosed. I am

Mangulore
the 15th. February 1749/50.
Recd. the 17th. following
℔ Ship Boscawen.

Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Wm. Hornby.

No. 75

To the Worshll. Thos. Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellry.

Wo. Sir & Sirs

Your advices by the Stafford under the 22d. Ulto. arrived us the 31st. following with the Treasure and Anchors which turned out according to Invoice.

We are in hopes of getting the 500 Candy of Pepper for the Dragon so as to dispatch her in all this Month and shall keep you constantly advised if any further Quantity is procurable here for the Salisbury.

Captain Kent arrived here the 3d. Instt. and Richard Bourchier Esqr. now proceeds on the Stafford Captain Baker who has orders to follow such directions as may be given by him in his passage to your Place We having left it to him to send One of them into Callicut for receiving such things Mr. Secker has directions to send up.

As we have no Stationary Ware to carry on the Current Buisness of the Settlement we request you will send us a supply of Sorts as we cannot Expect to receive any from the Presidency before the End of the Season.

Enclosed comes Duplicate of our last and We are

Sir and Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Thomas Byfeld.
Thomas Pattle.
John Robinson.

Anjengo
the 4th. February 1749/50.
Recd. the 17th. following
℔ Ship Stafford.

No. 76

To Thomas Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 7th. We just now received and return this Boat to inform you that Ezekiel Raby promised to advise Mr. Dorrill with the particulars of Messrs. Byfeld and Robinson Contract with him as he cou'd not be prevailed on to enter

into written agreement with them for Pepper the Exportation of this Article being prohibited thô he promised to deliver two hundred (200) Candy of 600 lbs. English eã by the 20th. Instant at 110 Rupees ℔ Candy and as much more as he could possibly procure in all the Month. Mr. Byfeld now writes to him to advise Mr. Dorrill of this Affair and

ANJENGO
THE 11TH. FEBRY 1749–50.

We are
SIR AND SIRS

P.S. This Boat has been supplied with Firewood Temper [*sic*] &ca. to the amount of Rups. 2. 2. which please to Credit this Factory for.

RECD. THE 18TH. FOLOWG.
℔ TONEY.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants
THOS. BYFELD.
THOS. PATTLE.
JOHN ROBINSON.

No. 77

TO THE WO. THOS. DORRILL ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN

IN Answer to yours in Regard to what part of the Hoñble Companys Stores I can receive on Board the Bombay Grabb I am ready to receive all the Plank all the Gunpowder Dust and Old Arms which is all I can possibly take in for the Grabb to be in a proper Posture of Defence Agreeable to your Orders.

I am with Respect

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 18TH. 1749/50.
RECD. THE SAME DAY.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
GEORGE ENGLAND.

No. 78

TO THE WORSHIPLL. THOS. DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

I RECEIVED yours of Yesterday directed to Captain George England and myself I am now ready to receive on board the Ship Stafford whenever you please to order them off the followg. Stores for Bombay belonging to the Hoñble Company.

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As many Bags of the Bengall Rice as we can stow without putting the Ship out of a proper posture of defence I cannot determine what number of Bags we can take in but will advise you when to leave off Shipping. I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient Servant

TELLRY. 18TH. FEBRY 1749/50. FELIX BAKER.

P.S. Captain George England will acquaint you what Stores he can take on board the Bombay Grabb.

RECD. THE SAME DAY.

No. 79

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

SINCE my last relating to Pepper I have purchased fifty nine Candys and a half Vizt.

4	Candys	of Cunimodeen @	115	25
8	Ditto	Russally	115	75
10	Ditto	Ditto	115	75
15	Ditto	Quially	116	5
3	Ditto	Shakeham	116	—
4·5	Ditto	Puckarow	116	5
2	Ditto	Torry Cutty	116	5
10	Ditto	Cuneram	116	—
3		Modeen Cutty	116	—
59·5				

By the list of Pepper I sent you under the 1st. Instant you will please to observe that I had fifty two a quarter candys then in warehouse which at a medium turned out at Rupees 113.417. ℔ Candy but having since sent you twenty eight Candys the remaining twenty four a quarter I have added to what bought now and taken the medium of the whole which is ℔ Ca. Rupees one hundred and fifteen and 329 decimals.

Our Merchants Servants of Tellicherry continue purchasing as also Condoty Paquy his Servants and I am informed a french Ship bound to Mocha is in want of this article the price of which daily advances.

I now transmit you an Invoice of Goods provided for the Boscawen amounting to with Customs freight and Charges Rupees four thousand five hundred fifty three and 5545 decimals as also of twenty eight Candys of Pepper amounting to three thousand two hundred twenty nine and twenty One decimals exclusive of charges. I received your Letter for the Samorine which I dispatched on its arrival.

CALLICUT I am

16TH. FEBRUARY 1749/50. SIR AND SIRS

RECD. THE 19TH. FOLLOWING Your obedient Servant

℔ MUNCHUA. RD. SECKER.

N°. 80

To the Wo. Thos. Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council of Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

Haveing occation for Fiveteen Barrells of Gun Powder Ten peices of Dungree one hundred nine pound shot and three Maund of Candles for the use of the Ship Stafford I humble request you will be pleased to order the same to be delivered out of the Hoñble Companys Stores. I am

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
Felix Baker.

Tellicherry
18th. February 1749/50.
Recd. the same day.

N°. 81

To Thomas Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

By these 6 Toneys you will receive Ten Teak Timbers and five hundred Bamboes in part of the Tellry. Indent. I am

Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
Rd. Secker

Callicut
19th. Febry 1749/50.
Recd. the 24th. following
℔ Toney.

N°. 82

To Thomas Dorrill Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council of Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

My last Address was under the 16th. Instant since which I have been able to purchase no more than three quarters of a Candy of Pepper I dispatch this Toney purposely to advise you that Condoty Paquy his nephew is arrived here with a large Sum of money and is procuring all the Pepper he can and has already advanced the price of that Article to One hundred twenty two Rupees ℔ Candy therefore would you have me give that price please immediately to advise me and send me ten thousand Rupees.

On Examining the list of one hundred and seven Candys of Pepper I sent you, you will find Eronious I therefore now send you rectified Invoice.

I now transmit you 5½ Mds. of Wax and four Jars of Spirits of Wine qt. 87¾ bottles.

You will receive my Cash account and Disbursements for last Month as also an Invoice of what has been sent you Except 500 Bamboes which you will have in a few days with the remainder. I am

SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

CALLICUT
22D. FEBRY 1749/50.

You will now receive an account of the lenght broadths [*sic*] &ca. of the Timber.

RECD. THE 24TH. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

N°. 83

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLRY.

SIRS

SINCE our last of the 29th. Ultimo ℔ Ship Salisbury we have received your Letter of the 21st. of that Month.

We observe from your Advices abovementioned as also those from Anjengo dated the 16th. Ultimo that there is likely to be disappointment in part of the Quantity of Pepper expected from the King of Travencore notwithstanding which we are in hopes from the Quantity of Pepper at your Factory and Anjengo the Salisbury may be dispatched in due time.

In our Advices to your Settlement of the 12th. September last we computed from your Account Remains of Pepper dated the 6th. June last and also of what was then outstanding that you would have for the Ships Duke of Newcastle Dragon and Prince William about eighteen hundred Candys and at the same time we gave you the necessary Directions in regard to the Dispatch of those Ships in case the Prince William had came round from the Pay [*sic*] or otherwise, and according to your Remains in Warehouse the 17th. May which were three hundred and Seventy nine Candys Sixteen Mds. and nine Pounds net and your specifying in your Letter of the 31st. Decr. that you had four hundred and twenty three Tons exclusive of six and a half ℔ Cent for Garbling and Wastage we nannot [*sic*] make out by any calculation how your Remains on the 21st. Ultimo come to be no more than eighty two Tons and sixteen Decimals including forty eight Bales of Anjengo cloth. By your Letter of the 31st. Decr. it appears you had four hundred and twenty three Tons of Pepper in warehouse exclusive of the six and a half ℔ Cent abovementioned and you write us under the 21st. Ultimo that you had put on board the newcastle two hundred and sixty five Tons and a half whence exclusive of the real loss that afterwards appeared over and above the said six and a half ℔ Cent and forty eight Bales of Anjengo Cloth there ought to have been remaining in Warehouse one hundred and fifty Seven Tons and a half of Pepper whereas you write us that you had only eighty two Tons and Sixteen Decimals including the forty eight Bales abovementioned which great Difference we are at a loss to account for but let it arise from what cause soever the Loss in Weight is apparently very extraordinary and we Suspect that it proceeds from the Due Care not having been taken in receiving it into Warehouse perfectly dry.

You write us under the 21st. Ultimo that you shall provide the necessary Quantity of Sandall Wood and Cardamoms in part of the Staffords Cargoe to Canton, but on reference to our Letter of the 6th. Ultimo you will find we only directed three hundred Candys of the former Article to be provided if the Same was procurable.

Acquaint us by the Return of the Commodore what further Quantity of Cash you Judge you shall be in want of this Season.

If the Salisbury should be dispatched for Anjengo before this reaches you let the enclosed Packet for the Hoñble Company be sent after her with the utmost Expedition.

As you do not acknowledge receipt of our Letter of the 14th. Ultimo its Duplicate comes Enclosed.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 7TH. FEBRUARY 1749/50.
RECD. THE 24TH. FOLLOWING
℔ SHYBAR.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends
W. WAKE.
W. WEST.
T. LANE.
W. SEDGWICKE.
C. CROMMELIN.
H. SYMMONS.
T. HODGES.

N°. 84

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR Letter dated the 21st. Instant came to hand yesterday Evening with a Chest of Treasure said to contain Ten thousand Rupees for which your Factory shall be credited.

I have loaded on board theese two Munchuas fifty Six Candys of Pepper which turns out at a medium Rups. one hundred fifteen and 580357143 decs. ℔ Candy which amounts to as ℔ Invoice enclosed including charges to [*sic*] Rupees Six thousand four hundred ninety nine and Seventy seven decimals (6499. 77.)

This article is now at one hundred and twenty four Rupees ℔ Candy and likely to rise higher therefore pray give me your directions concerning this affair whether you would have me purchase at the market price should it still advance which areuly [*sic*] beleive it will do to thirty at present there is little or none in the place but will be in a few days therefore please to acquaint me spedily.

CALLICUT
23D. FEBRUARY 1749/50.
RECD. THE 26TH. FOLLOWING
℔ MUNCHUA.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

N°. 85

To THOS. DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLRY.

SIR & SIRS

AGREEABLE to your Orders I went on board the Ship Salisbury to Survey her and found her Compliment of Men Guns &ca. Agreable to Charterparty a List of which I here inclose to you and am.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient Hble Servant
WILLIAM HORNBY.

TELLICHERRY
THE 2D. MARCH 1749/50.

N°. 86

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL.

SIR & SIRS

YOUR commands under the 25^th. come to hand the next day wherein I am sorry to observe the Bamboes I sent you are so bad that they are hardly fit for Service I sent Manoel Leoa to the River to look at the remainder who tells me they are the Sort generally sent to Tellicherry. In October and November 1748 M^r. Douglas procured 6000 which were better being longer and so they ought as there is upwards of twenty two ℔ Cent difference in the prices besides there has been none of that sort to be had since I received the Indent (which was last Month) or any other so good as those I have bought having Pick'd them out of a Quantity however if they will not do please to advise me thereof and I will dispose of them.

Observing what you say in regard to the deficiency of the Spirits of Wine I now send you the Bottle it was measured by and which by what I can learn is the very same measure that has been used for Some years past therefore on Examining the Same should there be any loss I will make the person I bought it off be answerable on being advised thereof.

I am Surprised theese should be so large a deficiency in the Wax in so short a time and its being sent loase may possibly be the cause therefore and which was certainly a neglect but in future the like shall not happen.

You will now receive Invoices from August to January and so soon as what is transmitted you that was purchased last Month you shall have a General Invoice thereof which shall continue monthly to do.

There is at present little or no Pepper in the Place and that from one hundred twenty four to 125 Rup^s. ℔ Candy I have bought none since I wrote you last relating to this Article when I requested to know if I should give that Extravagant price or not and must now beg you will advise me as soon as possible as also inform me how long you intend purchasing as I shall then be a better judge how to proceed as should the French give over soon this Article must consequently fall the Maccaw Ships not caring to buy any at so dear a Rate.

Please to Send a Munchua for the Matts &c^a. Stores.

CALLICUT
1^ST. MARCH 1749/50.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. SECKER.

REC^D. THE 3^D. FOLLOWING.
℔ TONEY.

N°. 87

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

BY this Munchua you will Receive eight thousand Seven hundred and fifty Mats for Embaling Pepper.

CALLICUT
9^TH. MARCH 1749/50.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. SECKER.

REC^D. THE 10 FOLLOWING
℔ MUNCHUA.

N°. 88

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Council of Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

By this Munchua you will receive seven Maunds of Pepper Six Chests of Candles q^t. thirty Maunds and eight thousand Seven hundred and fifty mats for Embaling Pepper.

I am
Sir and Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. Secker.

Callicut
12^TH. March 1749/50.

Rec^D. the 15^TH. following
℔ Munchua.

N°. 89

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Council at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

By this Munchua you will Receive one thousand Small Baskets two hundred forty nine large Bamboe Mats six Tallys forty lances two Jars Spirits of Wine q^t. one hundred eighty eight a half Bottles and two thousand. five hundred small mats for embaling Pepper.

Please to advise me what Somerades you may be in want of this being the time for purchasing them.

P.S. Not Sufficient Stores for loading another Munchua. R.S.

I am
Sir and Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. Secker.

Rec^D. the 22^D. March 1749/50.
℔ Toney.

N°. 90

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

You will receive ℔ this Conveyance Invoice for January with last Months monthly Accounts. I am

Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. Secker.

Callicut
22^D. March 1749/50.

Rec^D. the 23^D. following
℔ Toney.

N°. 91

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

INCLOSED is a Copy of the Invoice of Pepper I Loaded on the Salisbury at Cochin amounts to Rupees twenty two thousand Seventy Seven (Rupees 22077) as also my Account Charges amounts to Rupees One hundred thirty five and two Quarters.

On my Passage up I was taken by one Conja Pocurr who robbed me of Rupees Four hundred thirty three and half which I hope Gentlemen you will take into consideration that I may have it reembursed me again as I was on the Companys Business and not my own and the reason of my having such a sum of money with me was for defraying any Charges that might incurr at Cochin or in my Passage back as I did not know how long my stay might have been there. I am

TELLICHERRY — SIR AND SIRS
24^TH. MARCH 1749/50. — Your most Obedient Hble Servant
W. HORNBY.

N°. 92

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL OF TELL^RY.

GENTLEMEN

By theese 2 Toneys you will receive one thousand Bamboes from

CALLICUT — GENTLEMEN
17^TH. MARCH 1749/50. — Your Obedient Servant
REC^D. THE 24^TH. FOLLOWING — R^D. SECKER.
℔ TONEY.

N°. 93

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

By these Seven Toneys you will receive three thousand five hundred Bamboes from

CALLICUT — SIR & SIRS
24^TH. MARCH 1749/50. — Your Obedient Servant
REC^D. THE 25^TH. FOLLOWING — R^D. SECKER.
℔ TONEY.

N°. 94

To THE W°. THO^S. DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELL^RY.

W°. SIR & SIRS

WE are now to reply to your Letters of the 27th. February and 2^d. Instant rec^d. the 3^d. and 10th. the former of which Enclosing the Honble the President and Councils Commands to us ℔ Ship Salisbury we impatiently waited for in order

to come to a resolution for dispatching Our Honble Masters Ship Dragon whom we kept here untill the 4th. Instant and then dispatches her home Thirty Tons 2484 Decimals short of her Tonnage on being advised by you that the Salisbury was to be dispatched to us for filling up but there being no Probability of compleating her Charter Party Tonnage time enough to Safe her Passage Home this Season we loaded on her arrival the 10th. Instant forty five Candies One Maund and twenty four (45. 1. 24) Pounds of Pepper being all we had in Warehouse and dispatched her the 11th. to Great Brittain Fifty three Tons 71854 Decimals short of her Tonnage Captain Burrows having Declared he was determined to push for his Passage.

We received a Letter of Advice from Mr. William Hornby by the Salisbury of his Transactions at Cochin likewise a remittance of Rupees Five thousand Seven hundred and forty three and a Quarter (5743. 1. –.) which Sum Shall be brought to the Credit of your Factory.

We are still short of our Contract with the Government Sixty Candys three Maunds and fifteen Pounds (60. 3. 15) of Pepper and have no prospect at present of making a further Investment therefore cannot advise what Sum we may hereafter want to be supplied with thô we shall take bare, and do the same whenever Our Occasions require agreeable to Orders received from the Presidency.

We have now in Warehouse thirteen hundred Pieces of Cloth so much inferior to Muster the we could not accept it besides a thousand more received yesterday and two thousand Peices we Expect daily from Cotata all which we shall Examine without loss of time and endeavour to get Our Merchants to make a proper Abatement for what may be bad Manufacture or return it on their Hands.

It is reported here that the French at Maihie are to send three Ships with proper Forces for Settling at Coletchy therefore if You hear of any movements being made for that purpose please to send us the necessary Advices that we may endeavour to frustrate their Intentions as much as our Circumstances will permit.

Please to send us by the 1st. Conveyance twelve Reams of [Goa] Paper which we stand in great need of.

Enclosed you will recd. a Packet for the Honble the Presidt. and Council of Bombay which please to forward by the first [oppor]tunity.

We are
Wo. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Thomas Byfeld.
Thomas Pattle.
John Robinson.

Anjengo
the 21st. March 1749/50.
Recd. the 26th. following
℔ Toney.

No. 95

To Joseph Byfeld Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We have laden on board this Ship Severn Captain Richard Dorrill one thousand double Gunny Bags as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to Current Rupees 266. —. — which we have Consigned to you in consequence of what we wrote you under date the 1st. Ulto.

Captain Dorrill has our Orders to proceed to Surat as soon as he has delivered these Gunny bags.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 13TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

RECD. THE 28TH. MARCH FOLLOWG.
℔ SHIP SEVERN.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants
A. DAWSON.
WM. FYTCHE.
HUM: BELLAMY.
ROGER DRAKE *Junr.*
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
SAML. ROOPER.

N°. 96

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

THIS is to acquaint you that Mr. Taylor my third Mate has behaved with great indiscretion during our voyage both to his Superior and inferior Officers; he has this day requested my Liberty for a Discharge which as I am going up Single Ship to Bombay is somewhat unreasonable however as from his disposition I should cause to have him out of the Ship request Gentlemen, you will please to enquire into Such Complaints he may have to make.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 2D. 1750.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants.
RD. DORRILL.

N°. 97

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

YOUR favour of this date I have Received and am truly sensible of the justice you have done me in regard to the Examination of my third Officer Mr. Taylor As he has acknowledged his indiscretion, which you Gentlemen will observe by the accompanying under his own hand I shall not think of what is past and shall take him up the Coast with me; thô should he relapse to his former behavour, I shall take care he shall act no more as an Officer on board my Ship. I am

SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
RD. DORRILL.

SHIP SEVERN in Tellicherry Road
3D. APRIL 1750.

N°. 98

SIR AND SIRS

As In Regard to what happened Last Night I acknowledge my Self to Blame hoping Your Worship will Excuse Aquesting with my Cap^{ts}. Indulgences.

from your Humble Servant to Command

RECEIVED THE 3^{D}. APRIL 1750. JOHN TAYLOR.

N°. 99

To M^{R}. CHARLES WATERS.

SIR

As now the Rains is upon Seting in and Motamy Point Saramby is Interly out of Repairs as well the Pallasados as the Saramby itself and the House in Maddacarra Fort Leaks all over both Officers Room and Guard Room which if not speedly Repaired it will Occation a great many of the Honourable Companys Stores to be Damaged I request you will be please to Complie with this.

MADDACARRA I remain

APRIL THE 7TH. 1750. SIR

REC^{D}. THE SAME DAY Your Obedient and most Humble Servant

P. BEUTHER.

N° . 100

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^{R}.

CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

BY this Munchua you will receive four Chests of Wax Candles 276 Baskets 40 lances 50 Oars with my accounts for this Month. I am

CALLICUT SIR AND SIRS

8TH. APRIL 1750. Your Obedient Servant

REC^{D}. THE 9TH. FOLLOWING R^{D}. SECKER.

℔ TONEY.

N°. 101

To THE WORSH^{LL}. THO^{S}. DORRILL ESQ^{R}.

CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

M^{r}. John Robinson having requested Liberty to repair to Tellicherry for Settling his private Affairs which he was prevented from doing by the Short warning given him to remove hither (and as the present Season of the Year will admit of his absence) he now proceeds with our Liberty upon promise of returning with the Utmost Expedition possible.

As we shall shortly have occasion to draw upon You for a supply of Cash tc carry on a Cloth Investment we are about making and M^{r}. John Robinson desiring Bills for One thousand one hundred and fifty Rupees (1150. —. —) we have upon

his paying that amount into Our Treasury drawn upon You for that Sum payable at Sight which we request may receive due Honour when presented as We have given Your Factory due Credit for the Same.

We are
Wᵒ. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servant[s]
Thomas Byfeld.
Thomas Pattle.
John Robinson.

Anjengo
April the 9th. 1750.
Recᴰ. the 17th. following
℔ Toney.

Nᵒ. 102

Worshipfull Sir

According to your Worships Direction I proseeded to Maddacarra in Company with the Master Carpenter and Brecklayer.

We find the House in Maddacarra fort Leak all over both the Officers Room and Guard Room and not possable to be plastered at this time of the Season So that the only way to preserve it Dry is to cover it with

Oleas which will amount to about	28	—	—
To Repair the Parepetts Round the Fort	12	—	—
To make 4 New Doors for the Magezine	4	—	—
To Repair Mattamy Saramby with New Pallasedoes all Round will amount to	170	—	—
Rupees	250	—	—

I am With the Greatest Respect

Worshipfull Sir
Your most Obedient and most Humble servant
James Hogg.

Tellicherry
19th. April 1750.
Recᴰ. the same day.

[Nᵒ. 103]

To Thomas Dorrill Esqᴿ.
Chief &cᴬ. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

Our last was dated the 7th. February Since when we have received your advices of the 31st. January ℔ Express Boat 20th. February ℔ Ship Stafford Duplicate of the 7th. Ultᵒ. (the Original of which is not yet come to hand) and your last of the 20th. ℔ Ship Mamoody; also your General Books and the Papers enclosed in each of the Packets received agreeable to the List to the Needfull of all which we shall now reply.

We observe you wrote the Hoñble Company in your Letter ℔ Duke of New Castle that you had not received any directions for purchasing Cardamoms which was an omission of ours but you ought to have contracted for them as it is an annual provision and which the Chief and Factors on the like occasion in the Year 1746 very prudently did. But it is likewise an omission in you in taking no notice thereof to us in any of your advice the whole Season which you ought to have done

on your not receiving any with the Paragraphs of the Hoñble Company's Letter ℔ Boscawen transmitted you under the 12th. September last when you might have received them time enough to have provided the quantity wanted. However the least consideration would have induced you to act in the manner the Chief and Factors at your Settlement did in the Year abovementioned. You must therefore take care to contract in proper time, as usual for the annual quantity of twelve thousand Pounds weight for next Year.

Our former directions for your providing the Same quantity of Sandall Wood for the Stafford as ordered last year for the Dodington, which was two hundred Candies is what we intended you should procure, and our mentioning three hundred Candys in our advices of the 7th. February was a mistake of the Secretarys.

You tell us in your last of the 20th. March, that as your Pepper Merchants had failed in clearing their Ballances according to Contract, you were obliged for the Company's Security to Attach their Effects; we suppose you found all other methods ineffectual or you would not have made use of that which has always been esteemed a great hardship as it is hurtfull to their Credit and the usual means made use of on Such occasions has been muleting them which method we would have you pursue.

In regard to the Samorines debt we are Sorry to find there is so little reason to expect a clearance thereof; however force must be the last means made use of and therefore we would have you use all other endeavours for recovering it.

We find on due examination that Ally Rajahs Ambergrease is of a very inferior sort and greatly adulterated and will therefore fetch but a very low price of which we shall more particularly advise by another Conveyance by which we shall write you before the Rains.

The Boyanores taking the title of King we apprehend proceeds from the inducement of the French but as it is greatly derogatory to your Prince, and may be prejudicial to the Hoñble Companys Affairs we would have you engage him to obstruct it all he can.

You do not acquaint us what quantity of Pepper you expect you may have in readiness by the Month of October next which let us know as early [*subsequent portion of this letter is lost.*]

N°. 104

[*Earlier portion of the letter is lost.*]

The King of Travancore keeping the Pepper Trade Still in his own hands we have not been able to make a Contract for this Articles the price he dimands for it greatly exceeding what we are limited to purchase at by the Hoñble the President and Council. And we cannot yet Say what Quantity of Cloth will be provided this Season as the Weavers are pretty exorbitant in their Demands at present so that every thing necessary to mention about Investments is to acquaint You we have in Warehouse this day Ninety two Candies Nineteen Maunds and three Pounds (92. 19. 3) of Pepper and three thousand four hundred and ninety three Pieces of Cloth (3493).

We have only to add at present Our Assurance of being

ANJENGO
APRIL 18TH. 1750.

RECD. THE 2D. MAY 1750.
℔ TONEY.

Wo. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
THOMAS BYFELD.
THOMAS PATTLE.

N°. 105

To the Worsh^ll. Thomas Dorrill Esq^r.
Chief &c^a. Factors at Tell^ry.

W^o. Sir & Sirs

We have not yet been able to Settle the Terms of a Cloth Investment for the ensuing Season with our Merchants however as there is hopes of doing it shortly and the Monsoon being so near its approach we now dispatch this Express purposely to request a Supply of Thirty thousand Rupees (30000) and as the Stafford may possibly be with you about this time bound to China we desire it may be put on board her for greater Security but least she should be prevented touching here by bad weather two Balloons and a Detachment of Soldiers are ordered from hence to accompany the Ship from your Port therefore You will please (in Such Case) to give orders that the Treasure be delivered to Serjeant Morgan Riley who will proceed therewith to Cochin up which River it may be Conveyed to Quilone and from thence over land to this place with Safety.

Your favour dated the 13^th. Instant we rec^d. the 21^st. and upon reperusing Our Letter under the 21^st. Ultimo we imagine that the omission of the word Duplicate must occasion the remark therein Concerning the Pacquet ℔ Ship Salisbury as we never cou'd imagine it was detained by you being not only certain at that very time Captain Burrows brought it on Shoar upon his arrival but that the Duplicate thereof and Our Superiors Commands dated the 7^th. February was what came enclosed to Us under your cover the 25^th. and which we hope will in every respect clear up this Affair to Satisfaction.

We shall be glad to find what you mention of the French may prove true as their Settling at Coletchey may be of very great prejudice to Our Honble Masters Affairs and we are very Certain an Officer (who had a meeting with the King of Travencore the 6^th. of Dec^r. last) lined out the Ground for a Fort and procured Musters of the Cloth we Contract for annually (carrying the same to Mahie) besides which M^r. Bourchier advised the Chief from Cochin that the Commodore gave it as his Opinion the French cause Some Disturbance if the King would not let them Settle Quietly at Coletchee orders for so doing having been sent them from France so that you will observe Gentlemen, we had more Sufficient reasons than Mallabar reports to desire an Information concerning your Neighbours movements.

We are much Obliged for your Care in forwarding Our Packet to the Presidency ℔ Ship Severn and are

Anjengo
April 27^th. 1750.

W^o. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Thomas Byfeld.
Thomas Pattle.

P.S. Both the Military and People belonging to this Boat have been supplied with fifteen days provisions.

T.B.
T.P.

Rec^d. the 8^th. May following
℔ Boat

N°. 106

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Council.

Sir & Sirs

By this Baloon you will receive three Chests of Wax Candles q^t^. fifteen Maunds.

Sir & Sirs

Callicut
May 10^th^. 1750.

Your Obedient Servant
R^D^. Secker.

P.S. Please to comply with my Indent for Stationary having none left.

R.S.

Received the 11^th^. following
℔ Toney.

N°. 107

To the W°. Tho^s^. Dorrill Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors at Tellicherry.

W°. Sir & Sirs

Your favour dated the 2^d^. Instant we rec^d^. about an Hour past by this Toney with the Packet enclosed us from the Honble President and Council of Bombay accompanying a Box of Stationary Ware and another of Hartall.

The Season of the Year being so very late we shall detain this Boat no longer than to assure you that we are

Anj°.
the 6^th^. May 1750.

W°. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Thomas Byfeld.
Thomas Pattle.

Rec^D^. the 23^D^. following
℔ Toney.

N°. 108

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Council of Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

I dispatch this Puttarah purposely to acquaint you that the Governour of this place jointly with the Samorines Ministers insists upon our paying Customs on Wax Candles which was never heard off before in this port and what neither French or Portugueze are desired to do. On Representing to them the unjustness of such a demand they had the impudence to tell me that If I would not comply therewith they would endeavour to make me by Sending Nairs to the Factory which should they do before I Receive your directions I will do all in my power to turn them back again which I have intimated to them that should an accident happen they may blame themselves.

I am now to inform you that the Custom Masters are got to Such a height of impe[r]tinance and Villany that unless they are fel'd they will not absolutely weigh our Goods and by that means will detain our Vessells which may be a great disservice to the Honble Companys affairs I was obliged this Season to keep a Grab twenty four Hours on this very Account as also two Munchuas.

In my humble opinion the best way to proceed will be to send Some Gentlemen to the Samorine to lay before him the affronts we have Received from his Ministers and Custom Masters as also the impositions lately imposed on us by which means I doubt not but we shall be Releived it having been many times intimated to me by his Rajahdores that he should be glad of a conference with us.

I must beg leave to acquaint you that if some methods are not taken we shall not only be impeeded doing business with the Same dispatch as other Nations but be daily lyable to further affronts, which I flatter myself you will find some method to put a Stop to.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your very Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

CALLICUT
MAY 25TH. 1750.
PR. PATTAMAR.

No. 109

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQR
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR Commands under the 24th. came to hand the 28th. and agreeable thereto now enclose you price current of Goods and Rates of Coins at this place as also an account of what Stores are Remaining designed for the Presidency.

In my last I acquainted you that the Govr. jointly with the Samorines Rajahdores intended Sending Nairs to the Factory to oblige me to concent to customs being paid on Wax Candles which appears now was only to frighten me into acomplyance as the Govr. came here yesterday and after a short conference desired no further notice might be taken thereof as he would not insist upon the Said customs being paid. I am

SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

CALLICUT
MAY 31ST. 1750.
℔ PATTAMAR
RECD. THE 2D. JUNE FOLLOWG.

No. 110

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

SINCE my last to you under the 31st. Ultimo I have Received your Commands dated the 27th. by which I duely observe what you are pleased to say concerning the great affront intended the Honble Compy. by the Samorines Ministers unknown to himself which was the reason I thought there would be no danger in turning them out of the Factory besides I was of opinion had I admitted those Nairs to have continued in the Factory (had they fulfilled) have been very justly censured being well assured that on every frivilous pretence afterwards we should be lyable to be treated in the same manner. Theese [*sic*] Gentlemen are the reasons for my writing you that I would do all in my power to send them back again should they have come before I recd. your directions.

Neither French or Portugueze have that I can learn visited the Samorine therefore cant advise you of the Expence of such a Trip and why we should be the first Nation they endeavour to impose upon I cant pretend to Say. you tell me they where [*sic*] formerly obliging and why they should be otherwise now is what you cant judge to which I must beg leave to reply they were not so in March 1748/9 which the Second of your board is well acquainted with he being Resident here at that time when one of the Honble Companys Vessells Commanded by Captain William Dix was detained here two days by then [*sic*] not permitting the Captain to go on board aledging that he had received goods out of a Ship in their Road without paying customs which they not only demanded but incested [*sic*] upon Searching his Vessel, both of which were concented to, and our Second Linguist (Manuel Netto) Sent on board with the Custom Masters. This being a Custome that never before was heard off in this part shows that they were no more obliging then than at present and had I in the Same manner concented, the consequence would have been just the Same, they now looking upon Customs on Reshipping Goods in the Road as the Samorines Real Right and which we Experienced this Season.

In my las[t] Address you were informed that the Governour came to the Factory when we Settled the dispute he no longer incesting [*sic*] upon the said customs being paid therefore shall say no more on this head, but reply to the other parts of your Commands.

The Grab you desire to be acquainted with that was kept 24 hours longer than necessary by the Remisness of the Samorines Custom Masters was the Dolphin and although she did not belong to the Honble Compy. I thought it necessary to advise you of it, as it plainly appears (had She been therrs [*sic*]) the consequence would have been the Same by the two Munchuas I also wrote you concerning which were sent by your Selves to load with Pepper on Account the Honble Company.

CALLICUT
2D. JUNE 1750.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RICHARD SECKER.

Your not knowing the dispute were ended when you wrote the Samorine is the reason of my not Sending your Letter till further orders. I am

R.S.

RECD. THE 4TH. FOLLOWING
℔ PATTAMAR.

N°. 111

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

WE wrote you last the 8th. January of which Duplicate is Inclosed and Since that time have not received any Letter from you.

We have now the pleasure to acquaint you with the arrival there of the Honble Company's Ship Portfield Captain Carteret LeGeyt from England which She left the 30th. November and is to proceed to Benjar and China whether She will be dispatched in a Day or two Inclosed We send you a List of the Ships taken up for and arrived from India in the Year 1749.

The Honble Company's Ship Augusta Captain Thomas Parker was dispatched from hence for China the 23d. Ultimo. The Brittannia Capt. John Somner is at present here not having been able to get round Ceylone and as We have had no

Advices of the Severn, We hope She has gained her Passage, as also the Walpole bound to Juddah Notwithstanding the Information Received by the French Mocha Ship in her way back to Pondicherry who met with bad Success in that Respect of her being in the like Situation at Gallee Which We must doubt of Imagining had that been the Case We should have had further Advice of it before this time. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
23D. MAY 1750.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
AR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

REC^D. THE 13TH. JUNE FOLLOWING
℔ PATTAMAR.

N°. 112

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

BY this Pattamar you will receive my Accounts for last Month. I am

CALLICUT
25 JUNE 1750
℔ PATTAMAR.

SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RD. SECKER.

N°. 113

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

CONFORMABLE to an Order of last Council, in Company, with the Lieutenant Fireworker and Master Carpenter have Survey'd the Gun Carriages at Tellicherry and the Several Out Forts and herewith deliver you a list of Such as we found unserviceable whereby you'l please to observe there are three that's decay'd at Codoley Fort which is owing greatly to the want of a platform for them to stand on those at the other places are become so from the length of time they have been on the Works. I am with Respect.

SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

TELLRY. THE 29TH. JUNE 1750.

N°. 114

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Council at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

By the Bearer you will receive my Disbursements and Cash Account for last Month the four Chests of wax Candles charged in the latter is Remaining here which shall be Sent you by the first proper conveyance at the opening of the Season and which compleats the quantity indented for.

I am
Sir and Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. Secker.

Callicut
15^TH. July 1750
℔ Pattamar.

N°. 115

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Council at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

This is purposely to acquaint you that Condoty Paquy his Nephew arrived here from Mahie yesterday who is enquiring the Price of Pepper. He has as yet not contracted for any either has he brought any Cash with him.

There is about thirty Candy's of this Article here procurable at one hundred and twenty Rupees ℔ Candy. I am

Sir and Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. Secker.

Callicut
18^TH. July 1750
℔ Pattamar.

N°. 116

To Thomas Dorrill Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir

We wrote you last under the 15^th. Ultimo ℔ Express Boat Duplicate whereof goes enclosed and on the 26^th. past came to hand Duplicate of your Advices of the 7^th. April and Original of the 21^st. ℔ Ship Dadalay. The Original of the 7^th. is not yet come to hand.

As Pepper is at Such an exorbitant Price as one hundred and forty (140) Rupees ℔ Candy and So Small a quantity as about fifty (50) Candy's only to be procured you acted very right in not contracting for it. Make the earliest enquiry what quantity of this Article may be procurable to the Southward the ensuing Season where it may be expected to be procured at a much more moderate rate as at the abovementioned price we are Sensible it cannot answer at any market in India nor indeed in Europe except on Such an emergency as the dispatch of a Ship rather than bear the expence of her abroad which it may be Supposed was the case of the French the last Season but we need not give you further Directions on this head as you have the Company's orders for your guidance.

As the Prince in such an unreasonable manner expected to be Supplied not only with People but that you should also pay the Expence of the War your refusing him assistance on those terms was very right and in regard to your engaging at any time as Principals in any Disputes with the Country Powers we have frequently given you our Sentiments thereon particularly in our Advices of the 6^th. January last ℔ Ship Stafford.

We cannot consistently with the Honble Company's Orders in respect to monthly allowances to Widows and deceased Soldiers Family's &c[a]. approve of your Setting apart one thousand (1000) Rupees as a found [*sic*] for their maintainance; althô to the Widows or Family's of such deceased Officers or Soldiers as have on all occasions behaved gallantly and well and at their decease left their Wives or Familys in actual want you may give them once for all Something for their immediate Substance and to Such Widows of Covenant Servants or other European Servants as are left real Objects of Charity, and are desirous of goin[g] to England in Such cases you are to allow each of them forty (40) Pounds to pay for their Passage and provide necessary's for their Voyage which is conformable to a very Charitable Order of the Honble Company.

And in respect to Invalids you are not to make any allowance to Such but those who have behaved well and are worn out by long Service and incapable of earning a livelihood or as have been disabled in Battle or otherwise in doing their duty in the Service and thereby rendered incapable of maintaining themselves to Such you may allow half pay or Something more according to their merit or Circumstances of their Family's This in Substance we directed in our Letter to you of the 29[th]. January last.

Under the 27[th]. October last we transmitted you the Honble Company's Military Regulations which direct that the pay of each Company after the Muster Rolls at the beginning of the Month are regularly passed in Council be given to the respective Commanders for them to pay the men which method we understand was practised at your Settlem[t]. Some time before the said Regulations came out but as the same gives a large latitude to the Captains to make what Stoppages they please out of the mens pay and Several instances have been known of the poor Soldiers having been oppressed by such means, we have thought proper to diviate from those Regulations of the Honble Company's at this Place and to order that the Military and Artillery Companys be regularly paid by the Military Pay M[r]. at the beginning of every Month (as heretofore Costumary at this Presidency and subordinates) and that he See there be no other Stoppages made out of their pay on account of their Officers than according to the Standing rules of your Garrison. This we esteem the most proper method to prevent the private Men being oppressed, and therefore on receipt hereof (if you have not done it already) you are to put the same in practice again at your Settlement, and continue it in future and to take particular care that no means whatever be made use of that may be oppressive to the Soldiers.

You mention in your Advices of the 20[th]. February ℔ Stafford one hundred Rupees (100) to be Advanced the Recruits Sent on that Ship and the Bombay Grab Captain Mostyn has likewise wrote hither that they were advanced one hundred Rupees by him but as we find they only rec[d]. one hundred Rupees in all we Suppose the hundred Rupees advanced by him was on the Company's Account and the same you mention we have therefore given you Credit for only one hundred Rupees on that Account and for Six hundred and ninety Rupees and Seventy Seven Reas for provisions Supply'd them and the Detachm[t]. on board the Stafford and Bombay Grab.

Your rectified Invoice of Arms and Ammunition Sent with the Detachment on the Syren and Louisa is Still erronious as the Drum mentioned therein was not rec[d]. for which you must give us Credit as also for two Musquets two Cartouch Boxes, and two Slings amounting to Rupees thirty three two Quarters and twenty Reas (33. 2. 20) returned you in January last ℔ Ship Stafford in charge of Ensign Target and a Topass, also for fifteen days provisions amounting to Rupees Sixteen three Quarter and Seventy four Reas Supply'd the said Ensign and Topass and an European that was returned in their Company as ℔ Account enclosed.

Enclosed likewise is an Account of pay and Provisions, amounting to Rupees ninety nine and twenty Six Reas to a Naique and three Seepoys that came up from

your Settlement in April 1749 and were returned thither in September last by whom an original Copy of said account was transmitted you but which we do not find you have acknowledged receipt of or given us Credit for the Amount, which you must do accordingly.

The Account you sent us of provisions supply'd the Detachm^{t}. by the Syren and Louisa is very difficient being no more than a List of the quantitys without the Price to any one Article or the amount you must therefore send us a rectified one that we may give you Credit for the Same.

You must take particular Care to transmit us by the first Conveyance at the opening of the Season and by every Conveyance afterwards a regular and just Account of Quick Stock drawn out conformable to the Paragraphs of the Hoñble Companys Commands of the 30th. of Augst. last sent you with our Advices of the 15th. Ult^{o}. ℔ Express Boat and this must be a Standing Rule at your Settlement in future from which you must on no Account diviate as we shall not esteem any excuse you may make a Sufficient reason for your non compliance herewith you must also take due care to forward it to the Hoñble Company by every Conveyance that offers agreeable to their Directions in the aforesaid Paragraphs.

In our advices of the 24th. April ℔ Stafford we took notice of your great neglect in not transmitting us your Diary for last year by that Ship or the Mamoody and altho' two Conveyances has since offered Viz^{t}. the Severn and Dadaloy Still you have omitted to send it nor do you take any notice thereof in your Advices by those Ships. However as we hope the Brittannia from Bengall has touched at your Place in her Passage hither we hope you have not omitted that opportunity likewise of forwarding it to us.

On the 28th. Ultimo arrived the Jenny belonging to Hodjee Tarr from Bengall As on the 30th. did the Walpole Captain Benjamin Lowe Mess^{rs}. Holmes Griffith and Lowe SupraCargoes having lost her Passage to Juddah also two Dutch Ships the one on the 27 Ult^{o}. from Surat and the other the 1st. Inst^{t}. from Gombroon (having lost her Passage to Batavia) and are to lye here the Rains.

Enclosed is a Duplicate Copy of the Paragraphs of the Hoñble Companys Commands ℔ Lapwing aforementioned.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends
W. WAKE.
R. BOURCHIER.
T. LANE.
W. SEDGWICKE.
C. CROMMELIN.
H. SYMMONS.
T. HODGES.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE [*lacuna*] OF JUNE 1750.
REC^{D}. THE 23^{D}. JULY FOLLOWING
℔ PATTAMAR.

N°. 117

To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICH^{RY}.

SIRS

OUR last was under the 24th. Ultimo by Ship Stafford Duplicate of which accompanys this and by the Severn Captain Richard Dorrill which imported here the 3^{d}. Instant, came to hand your Letter of the 2^{d}. Ultimo, whom we shall reimburse the Charges incurred account the Evidences and Prisoners Sent on him as mentioned in your Seperate Letter of the above Date.

As it appears from Mr. Hornby's representation to you that the Loss he suffered was not through any negligence of his own and that the Money he had with him was to defray his Expences while on the Hoñble Companys Service you may pay him the four hundred and thirty three Rupees and a half but this is not to be esteemed as a precedent on Such like occasions.

Duplicate. You will perceive in the accompanying Duplicate that for the Dispatch of the expected Shipping next Season we shall actually be in want of twenty Seven hundred Candy's of Pepper but in respect to the purchase of that Commodity you must have regard to the Hoñble Company's repeated Orders: we observe the exorbitant and before unheard of Prices that are given for it on the Coast but as it was on an extraordinary Occasion for the Dispatch of the Ships and they are the lowest Prices you could get it at we must acquiesce thereto.

We have examined the Books of your Settlement with as much exactness as well could be as your Diary was wanting to which your Books in many respects refer and the following are such remarks as at present appear necessary to us to be made on them.

We observe that through the Stores Books not being closed the Garrison Stores could not be particularized on opening your General Books and that it occasioned other irregularitys in Gunpowder &c^{a}. therefore in future let the Storekeeper be carefull to Ballance the Stores Books in due time that the Accounts of the Settlement may not be kept back and appear distinct and clear.

And for want of the necessary Care in the Stores Books we also take Notice that Several heads are opened on your Books for very Small Sums, Several of which might have been recovered before the close of your Books and those irrecoverable should have been wrote off to Profit [*sic*] and Loss.

There also appearing the Sum of Six hundred and thirty three Rupees wrote off for Fish and Biscuit [said] to be Spoiled and destroyed, we Suppose it might be from a larger Quantity than usual being laid in account the French War, and although it was So very considerable still we are willing to hope it was not for want of due Care and to which Suitable regard must be had on all Such like occasions.

We also observe very great Irregularitys in the manner of your introducing the Warehousekeepers and PayM^{rs}. Sales in your Books, by which means we find on close of them the Produce of the Sales were not paid in till more than a year after they are made, and as that Practice may Subject the Hoñble Company to Losses in case of Mortality in their Servants therefore the Sales must be brought on every three Months, which, as they are Small is a Sufficient time when their amounts is to be paid into the Treasury and in future on your Books Substitute the General Heads of Warehousekeepers and Store K^{r}. instead of the Several Persons that have Charge of the Offices who being frequently changed and often holding them provisionally occasion a needless Variety of Heads which will be Sufficiently answered by the above observing that when the Charge of any Office is delivered over that the name of Such Person who takes charge be Specified in the first Journal Entry made afterwards relating to the Office and reference had to the Consultation wherein the Change of Office is made.

In the Journal Page 161 Account Current Bombay is Charg'd eight hundred and ninety one Rupees two quarters and twenty One Reas a Loss in weight and difference in Price of Cardamoms sent to England. The latter is what has frequently happened the Cardamoms being Shipped off before the Price was adjusted with the Merchants therefore that Difference may be justly charged to Account Current Bombay But in Respect to the Loss in weight being dirt and Stones as expressed in the Journal amounting to Rupees three hundred and sixty, two quarters and forty three reas it is otherwise as it ought to have been allowed for by the Merchants before the receipt of them into Warehouse and which Sum you ought to Recover for them. We also Observe in page one hundred and three Interest allowed for Cardamoms to 31st. March a Contract of the late M^{r}. Rawdon's taken on

the Honourable Company's Accounts a reason should have been assigned why they were not paid for before that time as Interest was running on account this Contract [and] you were in Cash.

We are Surprized to see such mistakes in the head of Cash on your Books which shew agreed [*sic*] want of Care in keeping them and that your head of Cash in the Ledger and General Cash Book were not regularly adjusted till the Close of your Books or such an Irregularity must have been perceived before for we doubt not of your counting your Cash monthly agreeable to the Company's Standing Orders and Care must be taken that such Errors may not happen in future.

It is exceedingly inconsistent with the distinctness required in Accounts to bring on the Honble Company's Estate at Callicut in the manner you have done for some years past as if it consisted only of an Empty House. Regard must be had in future to distinguish the Particulars that compose the Ballance of that Factory.

We observe the Plantations on Durmapatam are an annual Expence of about two thousand Rupees and in the Course of Seven Years the Charges on them have amounted to fourteen thousand three hundred and ninety seven Rupees you no where take notice whether there is any Income for this great Expence or when any Produce may be expected to recompence it whence we are not able to Judge whether they are worth the carrying on at such an Expence or not we also observe this Charge arises Chiefly from Provisions &c^{a}. to the Madagascar Slaves who Cultivate the Plantations and as their Charge of Diet run so high we would have you consider whether their Labour is equivalent to their Expence or whether the Plantations could not be equally well Cultivated by hired People at easier Rate therefore we would have you charge [*subsequent portion lost*].

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